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1. A narrow gauge single-track railroad runs from Cherveni-Breg to Brenitsa, Knezha, Bela Slatina, Altimir, Galiche, Lipnitsa, Krushovitsa, Bukovtsi to Orehovo.
2. The track is 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch gauge laid on wooden ties on good quality stone ballast. The whole track appears to have a high standard of maintenance.
(Comment: The gauge was measured from the inside of one rail to the inside of the other.) 50X1-HUM
3. The track is followed along its route by six telegraph wires. Passing points, which appear to be located approximately every 10 kilometers, are well equipped for signalling, and at Cherveni-Breg the signals are electric. The remainder appear to be operated by hand.

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4. It has been announced in the Bulgarian press that a new railroad line of standard gauge is to be built from Vrattsa to Borovan, Altimir and Orehovo. The embankments are already being built up to Altimir, but no culverts or bridges or any masonry work has yet begun. This line is apparently to follow the tracing of the narrow gauge line from Altimir to Orehovo.

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